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TO: Paris for Ambassador Porter

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

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1. We have reflected carefully on your proposed scenario for cancellation of November 18 meeting contained USDEL 18860. After reviewing the various angles, we have reconsidered our earlier position and come to conclusion that it would be in our best interests to hold November 18 session as scheduled.
2. We nonetheless believe your idea has substantial merit and it should be held in reserve for possible use at an appropriate time in the future. Meanwhile, you may wish to consider preparing for possible use press statement on POW issue keyed to other side's failure to respond to or remedy mail situation. Thanksgiving week would certainly offer appropriate occasion for this purpose.
3. Warm regards,

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